

HGGT Stewardship Objectives and Principles

Objectives

The objectives establish the intended outcomes to be achieved through any stewardship arrangements and that any stewardship body established will need to fulfil. However, it is acknowledged that depending on the model(s) selected and the assets conferred to the body(ies), it is possible that not all objectives will necessarily be applicable to all types of bodies.

- a) Community assets will be well managed and maintained as part of a high-quality development.
- b) Community assets will be maintained, enhanced and promoted to develop the health and wellbeing of residents.
- c) Community assets will be maintained, enhanced and promoted to support the social cohesion of the local community.
- d) Green spaces will be created, restored and managed to improve the natural environment to deliver net biodiversity gain and enhanced habitats.
- e) Green spaces, sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDs) and community assets will complement and enhance the existing natural, semi-natural and built public assets within the wider area.
- f) An accessible, inclusive and sustainable community will be promoted.
- g) Local people will be involved in volunteering schemes linked to the stewardship of the assets.
- h) Economic participation and skills development of residents will be facilitated and encouraged through vocational education and training opportunities.

Principles

The principles define how the stewardship body will operate and make decisions. Any stewardship body will:

1. Uphold the objectives of stewardship for the HGGT and ensure decisions are made in the long-term public interest.
2. Be an effective, credible and respected custodian of assets.
3. Be financially sustainable, offering value for money services and develop, maintain and monitor a long-term viable and prudent business plan to ensure the efficacy and success of the stewardship arrangements.
4. Enable long term resilience through a flexible, adaptable and entrepreneurial approach.
5. Ensure that it has access to suitable skills and expertise and has sufficient capacity to enable it to undertake its role successfully.
6. Encourage collaboration and partnership working between local authority partners, the community and wider stakeholders, to take full advantage of their contribution to stewardship, where appropriate.
7. Include representation from the HGGT Garden Community site residents on the stewardship body once the occupation of the HGGT Garden Community sites begins.
8. Embed transparent monitoring and accountability requirements from the outset to ensure the benefits of the development are realised and maintained.